

REMARKS

The specification of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, as constituted by the verified translation of PCT/DE03/01332 has been cancelled in favor of the concurrently submitted Substitute Specification. A suitable Abstract of the Disclosure has been added. These changes and additions do not constitute any new matter.

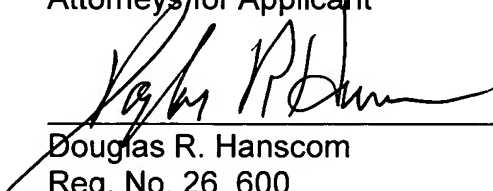
Original claims 1-38 have been cancelled. New claims 39-78 have been added. New claims 39-78 are essentially the same, in scope as the claims now pending in the PCT application. They have been rewritten in a form more in accordance with U.S. practice and eliminating multiple dependencies.

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment into the subject U.S. patent application prior to the calculation of the filing fee, and prior to an examination of the application on the merits, is respectfully requested.

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